

## When do Small Groups meet next?

<b>Book Group</b> - "The Road to Grace" by Richard Paul Evans	Monday 08/25 @ 7pm
<b>Bible Study</b> Meets at Minooka UMC	Thursday @ 7:30PM
<b>Chair Yoga</b> Meets at Minooka UMC	Mon. @ 11:15am
<b>Faithtalk - Bible Study</b> Meets at Minooka UMC	Tuesday @ Noon
<b>Grief Support Group</b> Meets at Minooka UMC	Thursday 9/11 @ 12 noon
<b>Prayer Team</b> Meets at Minooka UMC	Wednesday @ 5:00PM
<b>Skeptic's Circle</b> Meets at the Minooka Library	Tuesday 9/9 @ 6:30PM
<b>United Women in Faith Afternoon Circle</b> Meets at Minooka UMC	Returns in the Fall
<b>Youth Group</b> 6th through 12th Grades Meets at Minooka UMC	Wednesday's @ 7:00PM

For more information about our groups please contact the church office.

### LEADERS IN TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVICE

LAY READER  
SONG LEADERS

SHARI MILLARD  
RUTH SATORIUS, GAIL GIRARD,  
SUSAN SPENCER

ACCOMPANIST  
MINISTERS  
LEAD PASTOR  
OFFICE MANAGER  
MUSIC DIRECTOR  
SUNDAY SCHOOL DIRECTOR

**CHURCH STAFF**  
ALL DISCIPLES OF JESUS  
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## Welcome to Parable Club!



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Welcome!

**Minooka United Methodist Church**

**Sunday, August 17, 2025 9:30am**

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\* Stand if you are able

ENTERING MUSIC

WELCOMING

Pastor Dave

PREPARING

\*GATHERING

Reader: In each moment of this day resides incredible power: new life, healing, opportunity.

Many Voices: May this time together empower us to take some new steps along the journey of transformation.

Reader: Surprising God, whose love leads us to new experiences, help us to be open to your presence among us and within us.

Many Voices: Help us sense your glory in the sights, sounds, and celebrations of this day and every day. Amen.

\*SINGING

"Hymn of Promise"

UM Hymnal #707

Verse 1

In the bulb there is a flower;
In the seed, an apple tree;
In cocoons, a hidden promise;
Butterflies will soon be free!
In the cold and snow of winter
There's a spring that waits to be,
Unrevealed until its season,
Something God alone can see.

~This Week at MUMC~



SUNDAY 17TH

9:30AM SUNDAY WORSHIP
11:00AM "ROOTS AND BRANCHES" POTLUCK

MONDAY 18TH

11:15AM CHAIR YOGA

TUESDAY 19TH

12:00PM BIBLE STUDY

WEDNESDAY 20TH

5:00PM PRAYER TEAM
7:00PM YOUTH GROUP

THURSDAY 21ST

7:30PM BIBLE STUDY

FRIDAY 22ND

SATURDAY 23RD

SUNDAY SCHOOL IS BACK NEXT SUNDAY, AUGUST 24TH.

Thank you for your commitments of gathering and giving!

Attendance August 10th at MUMC

In person total: 63 online: 12

General Fund Giving for 8/10: \$3,319.78

Total giving in all for 8/10: \$5,283.27



- 17 Shirley Deary
18 Connor Yenser
19 Larry Larson
20 Donna Buck
20 Jerry Morrow
20 Powell Patterson
21 Cadon Casagrande
21 Calvin Sabo
21 Adam Satorius
23 Kyla Kohler



**ARRIVING SOON:  
CONFIRMATION &  
WHAT'S NEXT? NEW MEMBER EXPLORATION**

**CONFIRMATION INFORMATION SEPTEMBER 7th**

Who's invited?

Students in grades 7-8 and their parent(s)/guardian(s) are invited to a Confirmation Information Meeting on Sunday, September 7th. We'll gather right after the conclusion of our 9:30am worship service. Our Confirmation Cohort begins Sunday, September 14th.

The purpose of Confirmation is to help students hear God's call in their lives and equip them as disciples of Jesus.

The purpose of the September 7th meeting is to share our process and the expectations of the families who choose to join Confirmation.

**WHAT'S NEXT? NEW MEMBER EXPLORATION**

What's New Member Exploration?

- If you recently started attending worship and want to learn more about Minooka UMC—this group is for you.
- If you have been involved for a while and want to learn what is expected of members but aren't certain about joining—this group is for you.
- If you are ready to commit to being a member and want to know how to join—this group is for you.

This short-term group meets after worship (11:00-11:45am)  
Sundays, September 21, 28, and October 5.

Those who choose to do so will be received into membership Sunday, October 12.

Register for this group by emailing Office Manger:

Melissa Candler [admin@minookaumc.com](mailto:admin@minookaumc.com)

Questions? Contact Pastor Dave [pastordavemumc@gmail.com](mailto:pastordavemumc@gmail.com) or 630.308.5047

Verse 2

There's a song in every silence,  
Seeking word and melody;  
There's a dawn in every darkness,  
Bringing hope to you and me.  
From the past will come the future;  
What it holds, a mystery,  
Unrevealed until its season,  
Something God alone can see.

Verse 3

In our end is our beginning;  
In our time, infinity;  
In our doubt there is believing;  
In our life, eternity.  
In our death, a resurrection;  
At the last, a victory,  
Unrevealed until its season,  
Something God alone can see.

**BLESSING BACK-TO-SCHOOL BACKPACKS**

Katrina Nolan: God of fresh starts and new beginnings, we bring ourselves, our big feelings, and our backpacks to you. In our backpacks, we carry blank pages, sharpened pencils, and pointy crayons. In our hearts, we carry big feelings, unanswered questions, and hopeful expectations. There are endless possibilities of what this new year might bring— of what we might learn, who we might meet, and who we might become.

Katrina: Loving God, our friend who is always with us, be with us through it all. Be with us as we ride the bus. Be with us as we walk. Be with us as we buckle seat belts, zip-up jackets, and tie shoes. However we get there, and whatever we wear, bless this journey into something new. For the grown-ups going back to school, With-Us-God, be with them too.

**Many Voices: Thank you for our teachers, helpers, caregivers, and leaders. Thank you for all they do to help students learn and grow. God, our friend who is full of wonder, fill their hearts and bless their hands. Amen.**

**PRAYING**

Lay Reader

[Quiet reflection]

Reader: Loving God of all people, we confess that we don't always like the way your power works. We blame you for all that goes wrong in the world, and yet we forget that you empower us to resist evil. We want you to help us in exactly the way we ask, and yet we forget that we are not the authors of our own salvation. We say we desire for your kin-dom to come, and yet, we forget to listen to your voice calling us to work for the flourishing of our neighbors. Forgive us, Holy Trinity, and free us to cooperate with you in the work of salvation for ourselves, our community, and all of creation.

[Quiet reflection]

Reader: We rejoice in your forgiveness. You who shepherd the lost and comfort the afflicted, guide our hands to touch the un-touchable. Guide our ears to listen to the hopeless. Guide our eyes to see the misery of others. Guide our hearts to feel the pain of prisoners. Empower us to be channels of healing and mercy so that this world may be the better place you long for it to be. Our prayer concludes as Jesus taught us, saying... [Lord's Prayer, UMH #894]



**POTLUCK LUNCH TODAY to  
CELEBRATE OUR "ROOTS and BRANCHES"**

Today, August 17th, everyone is invited to a potluck lunch following our worship service. We will begin serving at 11am. We are honoring our senior members (those who are 80+ years old) as the strong roots that helped our church grow and flourish through the generations. They have been leaders, mentors, and builders of faith. We hope to see you all after worship!

**\*SINGING**

“Bring Forth the Kingdom”

The Faith We Sing #2190

Verse 1

You are salt for the earth, O people:  
Salt for the Kingdom of God!  
Share the flavour of life, O people:  
Life in the Kingdom of God!

Refrain

Bring forth the Kingdom of mercy,  
Bring forth the Kingdom of peace;  
Bring forth the Kingdom of justice,  
Bring forth the City of God!

Verse 2

You are a light on the hill, O people:  
Light for the City of God!  
Shine so holy and bright, O people:  
Shine for the Kingdom of God!

(Refrain)

Verse 3

You are a seed of the Word, O people:  
Bring forth the Kingdom of God!  
Seeds of mercy and seeds of justice,  
Grow in the Kingdom of God!

(Refrain)

Verse 4

We are a blest and a pilgrim people:  
Bound for the Kingdom of God!  
Love our journey and love our homeland:  
Love is the Kingdom of God!

(Refrain)

**\*SENDING FORTH**

Pastor Dave

**\*EXITING MUSIC**

**\*SINGING**

“Creation Sings”

Worship & Song #3018

Verse 1

Creation sings!

And we are in the music,  
The movement of God’s energy and art,  
A liturgy that links our life to angels,  
A litany that rises from the heart.  
The Spirit sings!

Through love and lamentation,  
From Pentecost to joy of Easter Day  
The universe is resonant with music,  
The smallest creature dances to its play.

Verse 2

Creation groans

At our discordant clashing:

The Spirit comes with music as our friend  
To bring the harmony of peace and beauty,  
To teach the textures of the way to blend.  
Oh God, you draw the melody from silence,  
You make of us the instruments of song!  
We offer thanks in worship and in wonder  
That such a gift to human souls belong.

**READING SCRIPTURE** Mark 4:1-2,30-34 (The Voice) Lay Reader

**4**<sup>1-2</sup> Jesus went out again to teach by the Sea of Galilee. When the crowd became unmanageable, He climbed aboard a boat and sat down to teach the people listening on the shore by telling them parables. One of His teachings went like this:

<sup>30</sup> What else is the kingdom of God like? What earthly thing can we compare it to? <sup>31</sup> The kingdom of God is like a mustard seed, the tiniest seed you can sow. <sup>32</sup> But after that seed is planted, it grows into the largest plant in the garden, a plant so big that birds can build their nests in the shade of its branches.

<sup>33</sup> Jesus spoke many parables like these to the people who followed Him. <sup>34</sup> This was the only way He taught them, although when He was alone with His chosen few, He interpreted all the stories *so the disciples truly understood*.

Reader: May God bless the reading, hearing, and living of these words.

**Many Voices: Amen.**

**PROCLAIMING** Welcome to Parable Club!

Pastor Dave

**\*SINGING** "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" UM Hymnal #89, v1-3

Verse 1

Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love;  
hearts unfold like flowers before thee, opening to the sun above.  
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away.  
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day!

Verse 2

All Thy works with joy surround Thee, earth and heaven reflect Thy rays,  
stars and angels sing around Thee, center of unbroken praise.  
Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow, flashing sea,  
chanting bird and flowing fountain, call us to rejoice in Thee.

Verse 3

Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing ever blest,  
wellspring of the joy of living, ocean depth of happy rest!  
Thou our Father, Christ our Brother, all who live in love are Thine;  
teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine.

**GIVING**

Pastor Dave



**BLESSING OUR GIFTS with MUSIC and PRAYER**

Lay Reader

**Many Voices: Eternal God, Source of all life, we offer these and all our gifts to further your Kin-dom. Help us to be instruments of your peace, working tirelessly for the well-being of all people. Strengthen our commitment to love and serve others, as we strive to fulfill your divine purpose for us in the world. Amen.**